

Activity #5b: Selecting Science Materials

Section 3: Setting the Stage

Place a checkmark next to each item currently in your Science Center.

	Sealed bottles with bugs, liquid, minerals, etc.
	Magnifiers (hand lenses, bug boxes, two-way magnifiers)
	Magnets
	Balance scale
	Books/magazines about Science
	Realia (real materials such as shells, rocks, feathers, etc.)
	Objects children can explore with their senses
	Plants that are growing
	Plastic insects and animals
	Writing and drawing materials
	Prisms
	Ramps
	Smell canisters
	Sound canisters
	Texture collages
	Lights
	Bubbles
	Binoculars
	Safety goggles
	Paint aprons or smocks
	Spoons, scoops, droppers, forceps, etc.
	Bowls, bottles, and cups
	Sorting and storage containers (egg cartons, clear vials with lids, etc.)
	Clean-up supplies and materials (buckets, hand brooms, sponges, etc.)
	Science journal to document explorations

RESOURCES

Free Resources for Educational Excellence

http://www.free.ed.gov/subjects.cfm?subject_id=41

Home Science Tools

<http://www.hometrainingtools.com/Default.asp?eid=SEM13072&gclid=CI6DjLmvmLYCFW2oPAod81IAbg>

Science Inquirer

<http://www.hometrainingtools.com/Default.asp?eid=SEM13072&gclid=CI6DjLmvmLYCFW2oPAod81IAbg>

National Science Teachers Association

http://science.nsta.org/enewsletter/2007-06/news_stories_high.htm

Discovery Education

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/>

K12 Science Ed. Resources

http://amasci.com/edu/free_sci.html

Steve Spangler Science

<http://www.stevespanglerscience.com/>

10 Free Online Resources for Science Teachers

<http://mashable.com/2010/12/16/science-teacher-resources/>

EAI Education

http://www.eaieducation.com/Category/220_1/Sale_Discount_Teacher_Supplies.aspx

MPM School Supplies

<http://www.mpmschoolsupplies.com/c-78-science.aspx>

Delta Education

<http://www.deltaeducation.com/>

K12 School Supplies

<http://www.k12schoolsupplies.net/Cheap-Teacher-Supplies-Closeouts-Clearance-s/1522.htm>

Nasco

<http://www.enasco.com/science/>

Educational Innovations

<http://www.teachersource.com/>

PBS Learning Media

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>